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UUBJ: COURT TRIAL OF U.S. CITIZEN, MICHAIAH SHOBEK

REF: NASSAU 179 AND 186

1. THE SUPREME COURT TRIAL OF MICHAIAH SHOBEK, FOR THE JAN 18, MURDER OF U.S. CITIZEN ERVIN BORNSTEIN SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 22 BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE LEONARD KNOWLES HAS BEEN ADJOURNED UNTIL MAY 6 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE REQUEST OF RNDOL F. FAWKES, SHOBEK'S COURT APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL.

2. ALTHOUGH THE BAHAMIAN POLICE HAVE ALSO CHARGED SHOBEK WITH THE MURDERS OF OHIO ATTORNEY PAUL V. HOWELL AND MICHIGAN SCHOOL GIRL KATIE SMITH (SEE REFTELS), HE WILL INITIALLY BE TRIED SOLELY FOR BORNSTEIN'S MURDER. POLICE AUTHORITIES ADVISED THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LATTER TWO CASES HAVE BEEN DELAYED DUE TO PROBLEMS IN CONTACTING AND SCHEDULING THE APPEARANCE OF SEVERAL U.S. CITIZEN WITNESSES FOR THE PRELIMINARY INQUIRY. THE TRIALS IN THE OTHER TWO CASES WILL THUS BE DELAYED UNTIL AT LEAST THE JULY CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

3. IN AN APRIL 24 TELCON WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER, DEFENSE COUNSEL FAWKES STATED HE REQUESTED ADJOURNING THE TRIAL UNTIL MAY 6 TO ENABLE HIM TO CONSTRUCT A BETTER DEFENSE. AFTER INTERVIEWING SHOBEK, FAWKES DECIDED AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE REQUIRES A PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION. DR. A. PODLEWSKI, CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST AT SANDILANDS MENTAL HOSPITAL IS PERFORMING THE EXAMINATION.

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